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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

11. (new) A system for protecting a computer device from unauthorized access, said system being external with respect to the computer device and being connectable to a source of data to be provided to said computer device, said system comprising a controller for processing said data to produce graphic information representing said data.

12. (new) The system of claim 11, wherein said graphic data are adapted for displaying by a monitor controllable by said computer device.

13. (new) The system of claim 11, wherein said source of data is configured for supplying said data via a communication link.

14. (new) The system of claim 11, wherein said controller is configured for receiving instructions from said computer device.

15. (new) The system of claim 14, further comprising an input buffer responsive to the instructions from said computer device for supplying the controller with a driving signal.

16. (new) The system of claim 11, further comprising an output buffer responsive to output information from the controller for converting said output information into a graphic format.

17. (new) The system of claim 16, wherein said output buffer is configured for temporarily storing converted graphic information until processing of said data is completed.

18. (new) The system of claim 16, further comprising a storage for storing said data during a period of processing said data by said controller.

19. (new) The system of claim 18, wherein said storage is responsive to said output information from the controller for supplying said output buffer with said output information.

20. (new) The system of claim 11, further comprising a controllable input switch connectable to said source of data and configured for preventing said data from being supplied to the controller after termination of communication with said source of data.

21. (new) The system of claim 11, further comprising a controllable output switch configured for outputting said graphic information.

22. (new) A method of preventing unauthorized access to a computer device using a protection device external with respect to the computer device, the method comprising the steps of:

preventing data to be provided to the computer device from being supplied to the computer device,

supplying said data to the protection device, and

processing said supplied data to produce graphic information.

23. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of displaying said graphic information by a monitor controllable by the computer device.

24. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of supplying instructions from said computer device to said protection device.

25. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of processing includes the step of converting processed information into a graphic format.

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26. (new) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of temporarily storing converted graphic information until processing of the supplied data is completed.

27. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of storing said supplied data in a storage device during processing of said supplied data.

28. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of preventing said supplied data from being supplied to the protection device after termination of communication with a source of said supplied data.

29. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of providing controllable output of said graphic information.

30. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of preventing data stored in the computer device from being transferred outside of the computer device.